

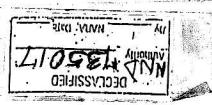
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68th Armd Inf Bn

14th Armd Div

Dec 44



HEADQUARTERS 68TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION  
A.P.O. 446 U.S. ARMY

## UNIT HISTORY

Period: 1 December 1944 - 31 December 1944.

1200	1 Dec 44	Complete relief of this unit by 2d Bn 442d Inf (Maritime Alps Campaign).
1800	1 Dec 44	Unit arrived Frejus, France from Peira Cava, France mounted. Entire unit assembled.
0700	2 Dec 44	Unit moved on mounted march to St. Raphael, France to rail-head for loading.
---	2 Dec 44	First and Second Sections of Train I loaded weapons, vehicles, and personnel for movement (1st Sec, Train I - Hq & Hq Co, Co A, 1 Platoon Co B, Pers Sec) (2d Sec, Train I - balance Co B. Train II (Co C) also loaded weapons, vehicles, and personnel for movement.
1730	2 Dec 44	Train I left St. Raphael, France.
0200	3 Dec 44	Train II left St. Raphael, France.
0700	3 Dec 44	Wheeled vehicle convoy left St. Martin-du-Var, France.
---	3 Dec 44	Trains I and II and wheeled vehicle convoy enroute to destination.
---	4 Dec 44	Trains I and II and wheeled vehicle convoy enroute to destination.
---	5 Dec 44	Trains I and II and wheeled vehicle convoy enroute to destination.
0300	6 Dec 44	Train I arrived Evinaux, France (V008886).
0330	6 Dec 44	Personnel and vehicles of Train I detrained and began mounted road march.
1430	6 Dec 44	Personnel of Train I arrived at Schwindratzheim, France (Q900171).
1900	6 Dec 44	Wheeled vehicle convoy arrived at Schwindratzheim, France.
2000	6 Dec 44	Train II arrived Evinaux, France (V008886), detrained and began mounted road march.
0100	7 Dec 44	Personnel of Train II arrived at Schwindratzheim, France (Q900171).
---	7 Dec 44	Unit reorganized and prepared for future operations.
---	8 Dec 44	Platoons of Hq Co, Co A, Co B, and Co C reconnoitered surrounding towns of Bramush (Q980146), Guedertheim (R015135), Weyertheim (V0501301), Hoenheim (R015025), Souffalweyerheim (R004610), and Reichstett (R014052). All reported roads could be used by tanks and half-tracks. Bridges in good shape. Terrain generally flat, wet, and boggy. All surrounding streams flooded. Shoulders of roads clear of mines. Report submitted to CCR, 14th AD.
1930	8 Dec 44	One (1) half-track lost by Co C NE town of Niederschaeffolsheim (R005190). Track hit mine, blowing same up. Eye fire exploded gas tank and vehicle was completely demolished. All personnel escaped without injury.
---	9 Dec 44	Preparation for battle commitment.

UNIT HISTORY - 1 Dec 44 to 31 Dec 44 (Continued)

--- 10 Dec 44 Preparation for battle commitment.  
 --- 11 Dec 44 Co A, 47th Tk Bn, joined this unit for coming operation and Co A, this unit, joined 47th Tk Bn for coming operation.  
 1640 12 Dec 44 1st Platoon Co B, 68th, sent to assist Division Task Force as outpost security vic Surbourg (084345).  
 --- 13 Dec 44 Unit alert awaiting battle commitment.  
 0400 14 Dec 44 Co A, 47th Tk Bn, released to join 47th Tk Bn.  
 0800 14 Dec 44 Co A, 68th, released and rejoined this unit.  
 1015 14 Dec 44 Received order from CCR, 14th AD, at Scherlenheim, France (Q863195) to make mounted road march to new assembly area at 1045.  
 1105 14 Dec 44 Bn cleared Schwindratzheim, France (Q900171).  
 1325 14 Dec 44 Bn closed in new assembly area at Oberbetschdorf, France (R120332) and Niederbetschdorf, France (R134332).  
 1445 14 Dec 44 Fragmentary orders issued to I&R Platoon for route reconnaissance north from present location.  
 1715 14 Dec 44 I&R Platoon returned from reconnaissance mission. Cleared towns of Oberseebach (R187410) and Aschbach, France (R182372). For results of road reconnaissance see overlay.  
 1430 15 Dec 44 Unit received order from CCR, 14th AD, to proceed on mounted road march to Oberseebach, France (R187410).  
 1530 15 Dec 44 Unit crossed IP at Niederbetschdorf, France (R134332) on mounted road march.  
 1700 15 Dec 44 Unit closed in at Oberseebach, France (R187410). One (1) M8 Assault Gun casualty (breakdown) enroute. Trains to remain at Niederbetschdorf and revert to Service Co and be brought forward under Trains Comdr later.  
 1730 15 Dec 44 Outposted town of Oberseebach, France (R187410).  
 1115 16 Dec 44 Bn Ex 0 contacted CCB, 14th AD, to discover situation in their sector. S-3 and Commo Officer contacted elements of 62d Armd Inf Bn in Wissembourg, France (R155485) to determine developments in their sector.  
 1630 16 Dec 44 Above party returned to CP.  
 1530 17 Dec 44 Received orders from CG, 14th AD, to relieve 62d Armd Inf Bn.  
 1600 17 Dec 44 Oral march order issued to CO's and Platoon Leaders (see written march order attached). Companies to be moved off road in Altenstadt (R112477). Co A, this Bn, to be prepared to join 25th Tk Bn vic of Schweighofen (R210595). Ex 0 in charge of mounted road march.  
 1645 17 Dec 44 Bn crossed IP to begin relief of 62d Armd Inf Bn.  
 2005 17 Dec 44 Co B and Co C moved up to line to relieve 62d Armd Inf Bn, following order issued by CCA, 14th AD, at 1830. Co B, 68th, to relieve Co B, 62d, and Co C, 68th, to relieve Co C, 62d.  
 2400 17 Dec 44 Rcn Patrols #1 & 2 out, consisting of one officer and 3 EM each.  
 0200 18 Dec 44 Last of column closed in at Schweigen, Germany (R160505).  
 0545 18 Dec 44 Patrol #1 in. Patrol reported they drew several rounds burp gun fire from vic of (190523), also drew more burp gun fire from vic of (190523) at 0300. No activity noticed in village, but several lights appeared to be moving around on high ground north of village. White flares went off intermittently from hill north of village. At 0415 heard burp gun continuing to fire southward. Saw caliber .30 tracer fire going northward. Drew rifle fire

UNIT HISTORY - 1 Dec 44 to 31 Dec 44 (Continued)

0545 18 Dec 44 from vic (186522) while at (188519). Searchlights after planes went on about 0230. Two piles of ammo at (193517) - about 15 cases in one and 12 in another. Artillery falling all along high ground West of Ober Otterbach.

0545 18 Dec 44 Patrol #2 in. Patrol reached vic of (177515) where it was fired on by SAF from (176521) and (174522). Heard burp gun fire at 0350. German patrol estimated as three (3) men heard in the vic of (178519) traveling southeast at 0425. While at (180518) patrol received approximately fifteen (15) rds rifle fire from vic of (179521) and vic of (182521) at 0435. Flares on high ground above town of Ober Otterbach.

0745 18 Dec 44 Attack launched per Operational Instructions #6, Hq CCA, 14th AD. Ten minute preparation fired by 500th Field Arty on Ober Otterbach, Germany (R175528) and stream line running thru town. Co B on the right, Co C on the left astride the road. Two platoons Co B, 25th Tk Bn, deployed on high ground overlooking town for close support of infantry. No resistance encountered until forward elements reached position about 300 yds south of bridge over the Ouer River. At this time hvy mortar and some arty fire was concentrated approx (168519). The assault elements continued attack with Co B circling the town on east, reaching vic cemetery (174527). Communication with Co C only occasionally. One platoon tanks followed infantry into town. Tanks stopped by road block in southern edge of town. Road block held up operations one hour and a half. Tanks continued to move thru village but stopped by blown bridge in approx center of town. Dozer unable to find material to make fill; obstacle held up operations approx two hours until engineers repaired it. Smoke fired by arty on possible ey OP's from high ground vic (158539). Smoke drifted to north edge of town. Enemy launched counter-attack under cover of this smoke. Tanks and infantry forced to withdraw to high ground overlooking town from south. Two platoons, Co B, unable to withdraw due to automatic weapons and sniper fire. Men in these platoons infiltrated back during reorganization.

1430 18 Dec 44 Reorganization commenced and completed 1800. Numerous enemy snipers made evacuation extremely difficult. Heavy Machine Gun Platoon placed on right flank to strengthen defensive fires. Frequent arty and mortar fire fall throughout sector during operation.

19 Dec 44 Right flank extended making front 3,000 yds wide. Per Operational Instructions #10, Hq CCA, 14th AD, troops dug in further and held high ground south of Ober Otterbach. Heavy enemy arty and mortar fire throughout day in our sector. Co C, 48th Tk Bn, fired on known pillboxes; effect unknown. Ceased firing with tanks at 1430 to allow Arty FO to adjust 8" howitzers. Visibility decreased making observed fire impossible. Harassing missions to be fired throughout night. Co B, 25th Tk Bn, replaced by Co C, 48th Tk Bn, C Troop 94th Rcn (less one plat) attached. 3d Platoon, Co C, 125th Engrs, atchd. 500th FA in support.

UNIT HISTORY - 1 Dec 44 to 31 Dec 44 (Continued)

2130 19 Dec 44 Rcn Patrols #3 & 4 out, consisting of one officer and 3 EM each. Patrol #3 in. Reached vic (178528). At that point patrol was halted by a German. Patrol hit the ground. They were then fired on with several rifle shots. Heard and then saw Germans move around patrols' left; Germans were attempting to cut off patrol so patrol withdrew. A large fire which was so intense that it lit up one side of the town of Ober Otterbach was observed. Patrol observed some Germans attempting to extinguish a fire at (178521). Patrol received rifle fire from (180529). After patrol withdrew MG fire was observed striking the position they had been in from the same vicinity.

0030 20 Dec 44 Patrol #4 in. At (190512) patrol observed a fire and heard a tank motor running in that same general direction. By light of fire at (190512) saw what appeared to be individuals moving about at approx (187514); also observed what appeared to be tracks of horse-drawn cassions (181518); tracks about twelve inches wide and six to eight inches deep. At (184520) patrol received 3 rds rifle fire coming from right front. Heard burst of MG fire from left front. Heard movement of men to left of position - number unknown.

---- 20 Dec 44 Troops remained at dug-in positions on high ground south of Ober Otterbach. Artillery active, firing on ey positions and pill-boxes.

2030 20 Dec 44 Rcn Patrol #5 out, consisting of one officer and 3 EM.

2130 20 Dec 44 Rcn Patrol #6 out, consisting of one officer and 3 EM.

0100 21 Dec 44 Rcn Patrol #5 in. From R.C. at (181517) patrol could hear few scattered rounds SAF in area North of that point. Arrived at hard surfaced E-W road at (186521), started north and received MG fire from NW and NE. From that position they could see big glow over the crest of the ridge from right front. Remained in that position approx one hour. MG bursts once in a while during that time. Approx 6 rounds of arty landed in area approx 200 yds north of patrol during that time. On way back could see MG tracer coming toward our lines from NE to SW.

0100 21 Dec 44 Rcn Patrol #6 in. Patrol reported when they reached vic (17905175) received two rds tracer from right front. Patrol moved north to (17905185) and received 3 rds mortar fire from approx 20° az. Patrol moved back to (180516), remained there for about one-half hour, then moved north again by route about 100 yds West of where they had received the fire. They reached the stream in vic (178512) and received two more rds tracer from left front and two rds tracer from right front and two rds mortar. They were in creek bed about 20 minutes. During that time they received about six bursts of burp gun fire and 15 to 20 rds MG fire. The stream is about 7 ft. deep at that point and water about 10 in. deep. This SAF passed directly over their heads as they were in the stream. During entire patrol they observed big glow over the ridge on left front.

0600 21 Dec 44 Co C withdrew under cover of darkness to Line 1 where new positions were dug. Two platoons, Co C, 48th Tk Bn, moved into firing position vic (177520) to (188518). Two 105mm howitzer AG's accompanied this platoon and fired fuze T105CPC at visible ey fortifications. Co C, prior to withdrawing, set up dummy

UNIT HISTORY - 1 Dec 44 to 31 Dec 44 (Continued)

	21 Dec 44	emplacements with helmets mounted on stakes and "C" ration cans, simulating telescopes.
1615	21 Dec 44	One German soldier walked into our lines and surrendered.
1630	21 Dec 44	Co C returned to forward dug-in positions.
---	21 Dec 44	Enemy arty expended on dummy emplacements. One 105mm AG succeeded in knocking off a corner of one pillbox. Result of other 105 AG undetermined.
0600	22 Dec 44	Co B withdrew under cover of darkness to Line 1 where new positions were dug. Two platoons, Co C, 48th Tk Bn, moved into firing position vic (177520) to (188518) to fire on visible enemy pillboxes and any possible ey positions. Tank fire had no apparent effect on fortifications. Co B, prior to withdrawing, set up dummy emplacements similar to those set up by Co C on 21 Dec 44. Ey artillery and mortar active throughout day. Co B returned to their forward dug-in positions.
1630	22 Dec 44	Arty in support of our troops active, firing on ey fortifications. Two three-man ey patrols dispersed; one ey wounded and two killed.
---	22 Dec 44	Co C withdrew under cover of darkness to Line 1 and rear dug-in positions. Two platoons, Co C, 48th Tk Bn, moved into firing position vic (177520) to (188518) to fire on ey fortifications. Effect unknown; visibility very poor. Arty supporting our troops, active on ey fortifications. Ey arty and mortar active throughout day.
0100	23 Dec 44	Co C returned to their forward dug-in positions.
0600	23 Dec 44	Officers from 3d Bn, 315th Inf (relieving unit) reconnoitered our positions and made preparation to take over our sector. Co B and Co C remained in forward dug-in positions throughout day. Arty supporting our troops, firing on ey fortifications. Ey arty also active throughout day.
1630	23 Dec 44	Relief began; verbal march order issued (see copy of written march order). Co B and Co C relieved by platoons from the exterior flank. Companies to reorganize in Schweigen to proceed to Merkwiller. Complete relief to be effected by 2400, this date. Co C, 48th Tk Bn, to be relieved by one platoon Co A, 47th Tk Bn. First of column crossed IP at Schweigen, Germany.
0900	23 Dec 44	Relief of this unit completed by 3d Bn, 315th Inf.
---	23 Dec 44	Bn closed in completely at Merkwiller, France (R070372) and Differbach-les-Woerth, France. See overlay for location of troops.
1800	23 Dec 44	Unit reorganizing at Merkwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. Unit in bivouac at Merkwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. No change in location of troops.
2115	23 Dec 44	Unit in bivouac at Merkwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. No change in location of troops.
2330	23 Dec 44	Unit in bivouac at Merkwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. Training schedule being carried out (see atchd Tg Schy covering this period). Road reconnaissance to the north made by I&R Platoon. For results see atchd overlay.
---	24 Dec 44	Unit in bivouac at Merkwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. Officers and key NCO's attended Counter-Sabotage Demonstration held by VI Corps.
---	25 Dec 44	Unit in bivouac at Merkwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. No change in location of troops.
---	26 Dec 44	Unit in bivouac at Merkwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. No change in location of troops.
---	27 Dec 44	Unit in bivouac at Merkwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. Training schedule being carried out (see atchd Tg Schy covering this period). Road reconnaissance to the north made by I&R Platoon. For results see atchd overlay.
---	28 Dec 44	Unit in bivouac at Merkwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. Officers and key NCO's attended Counter-Sabotage Demonstration held by VI Corps.

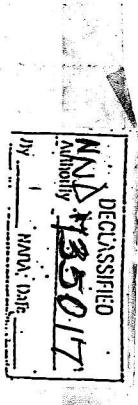
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2200 28 Dec 44 Unit plus attachments (C-48th Tk Bn, 2d Plat Co C 94th Rcn) began mounted road march to new area. See atchd march order. For route of march see atchd overlay.

0345 28 Dec 44 Last elements of march column closed in new area. Unit and attachments in bivouac at Schoenbourg (Q655259), Lohr (Q639285), and Ottwiller (Q628296). See overlay for location of troops and outposts.

— 30 Dec 44 Unit and attachments in bivouac at Schoenbourg, Lohr, and Ottwiller. Current training schedule being carried out (see atchd copy covering this period). CG, 14th AD, decorated two officers and five EM, this unit, with Bronze Stars. Road and terrain reconnaissance made by I&R Platoon. For results see overlay.

— 31 Dec 44 Unit and attachments in bivouac at Schoenbourg, Lohr, and Ottwiller. Current training schedule being carried out (see atchd copy covering this period). Officers planning and reconnoitering area for Defensive Position (mixed Inf-Tk Bn) Demonstration. Sketch (full size drawing) of German Crockery Mine, which was found in Bn CP at Schoenbourg upon arrival there, submitted to CCA, 14th AD.



Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn  
Place: Schwindratzheim, Fr.  
Date : 141015 Dec 44

MARCH ORDER NO. 1

Received order to move at 141015 Dec 44. Oral order of march:

Adv Gd:

Point - I&R Platoon  
Adv Party - 1 Plt Co C  
Support - Co C (-) plus AG Plt

Main Body:

Hq & Hq Co (-)  
Co A  
Co B (-)  
Kitchen & Supply Trucks  
Medics  
Maint Plt

Rear Gd:

1 Rifle Sqd Co B  
AT Plt Co B

Speed - 15 mph

Density - 30

One (1) minute between companies; 5 minutes between units.

Route of March - See overlay.

Co C outposted assembly area on arrival. I&R billeting party. Time is now 1035. Move out.

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Cmdg.

OFFICIAL:

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UNIT REPORT

From: 0001 1 Dec 1944  
To : 2400 1 Dec 1944

Unit: 66th Armored Inf Bn  
Date: 15 Dec 1944  
Place: Niederbetschdorf, Pr.

Maps: France 1:50,000 sheets XX(VIII)-13, XXX(VII)-14, XXXIX-13, XXXIX-14.

1. EVENT:

- a. None
- b. Not known.
- c. See Overlay.
- d. Not known.
- e. None.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. See attached overlay.
- b. See Attached overlay.
- c. None.
- d. At 0400, Company "A", 47th Tank Battalion, released to join the 47th Tank Battalion. At 1015 received order from Combat Command Reserve at Scherlachheim to start to new assembly area from Schwindreitheim at 1045. For route see overlay. Closed in new assembly area 1025. Route reconnoitered by I & R Platoon at 1445 for routes north from present location. Fragmentary orders issued to I & R Platoon. Cleared towns of Oberseebach and Aschbach. Route of reconnaissance shown on overlay. Results indicated on overlay. Completed reconnaissance at 1715.
- e. Combat efficiency - Excellent.
- f. Completed move to forward assembly area without event.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Effective strength: 989  
Replacements needed: 39
- b. Casualties: None.
- c. Prisoners: None.
- d. Normal.
- e. None.
- f. No. days ration on hand: 3. Miles of operation of fuel on hand - 200.  
Percentage of basic load of ammunition - 100%
- g. Good.

4. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

OFFICERS:

- 1. D. JERKIN,  
2d Lt, 66th AD,  
Acting Adjutant.

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Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn  
Place: Oberbetschdorf, Fr.  
Date : 151445 Dec 44

MARCH ORDER NO. 2

At 1430 received orders from CC"R" to proceed to Oberseebach, France. Oral march order:

This battalion will move out along route - see overlay, leaving at 1530.

Order of March:

Adv Gd:

Point - I&R Platoon

Adv Party - 1 Plt Co C

Support - Co C (-) plus AG Plt

Main Body:

Hq & Hq Co (-)

Co A

Co B (-)

Kitchen & Supply Trucks

Medics

Maint Plt

Rear Gd:

1 Rifle Sqd Co B

AT Plt Co B

Speed - 15 mph

Density - 30

Trains will remain in present location and revert to Sv Co, and will be brought forward under Tns Comdr later. I&R Platoon to act as bivouac party.

Upon reaching forward area outposts will be placed by companies as per overlay.

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Cmdg.

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UNIT REPORT

No. 2

From: 0001 15 Dec 1944  
To : 2400 15 Dec 1944

Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn  
Date : 15 Dec 1944  
Place: Oberseebach, Fr.

Maps: France 1:50,000 sheets XXVIII-13 and XXVIII-14 and XXIX-13 and XXIX-14.

1. ENEMY:

- a. No contact.
- b. Not known.
- c. Two prisoners captured in Oberseebach at 151630 Dec 44.
- d. Not known.
- e. None.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. See attached overlay.
- b. See attached overlay.
- c. None
- d. At 1430 received orders from CC "R" to proceed to Oberseebach. Battalion crossed IP at Niederbetschdorf at 1530 and closed in at Oberseebach at 1700. One (1) M-3 AG vehicle casualty (breakdown) enroute. See attached overlay for route. Trains to remain at Niederbetschdorf and revert to Service Company and will be brought forward under Trains Commander later. See overlay for outposts at Oberseebach.
- e. Combat efficiency - excellent.
- f. Completed move to new assembly area.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Effective strength - 947

Replacements needed- 29

- b. Casualties: Type Operationally

VEHICULAR-Unit	Vehicle	Fit	Fit 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs	Lost during Period
Hq Co, 68th AIB	M2 A1H/T	5			
	M3	3			
	M3 A1	1			
	M4 A1	2			
	M4	3			
	M-3 AG	2			
	1/4 T	11			
	2 1/2 T	1			
"A", 68th AIB	M2 A1 H/T	5			1
	M3	3			
	M3A1	12			
	1/4 T	3			
	2 1/2 T	2			
"B", 68th AIB	M2 A1	4			
	M3	2			
	M3 A1	3			

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"B", 68th AIB	1/4 T	3
	2 1/2 T	2
"C" 68th AIB	M2 A1	4
	M3	3
	M3 A1	13
	1/4 T	3
	2 1/2 T	2
Med Det	1/4 T	1
	3/4 T Ambulance	4
	3/4 T	2
SV Co, 68th AIB	M3 A1	1
	1/4 T	2
	3/4 T	2
	2 1/2 T	13
	Tank Recovery	1
	Wrecker	1

c. Prisoners Captured: 2

d. Normal

e. None

f. No of days rations on hand - 3. No. miles of fuel on hand 225.

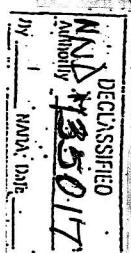
Percentage of basic load of ammo - 100%

g. Passable.

4. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

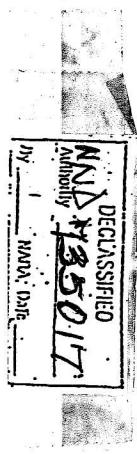
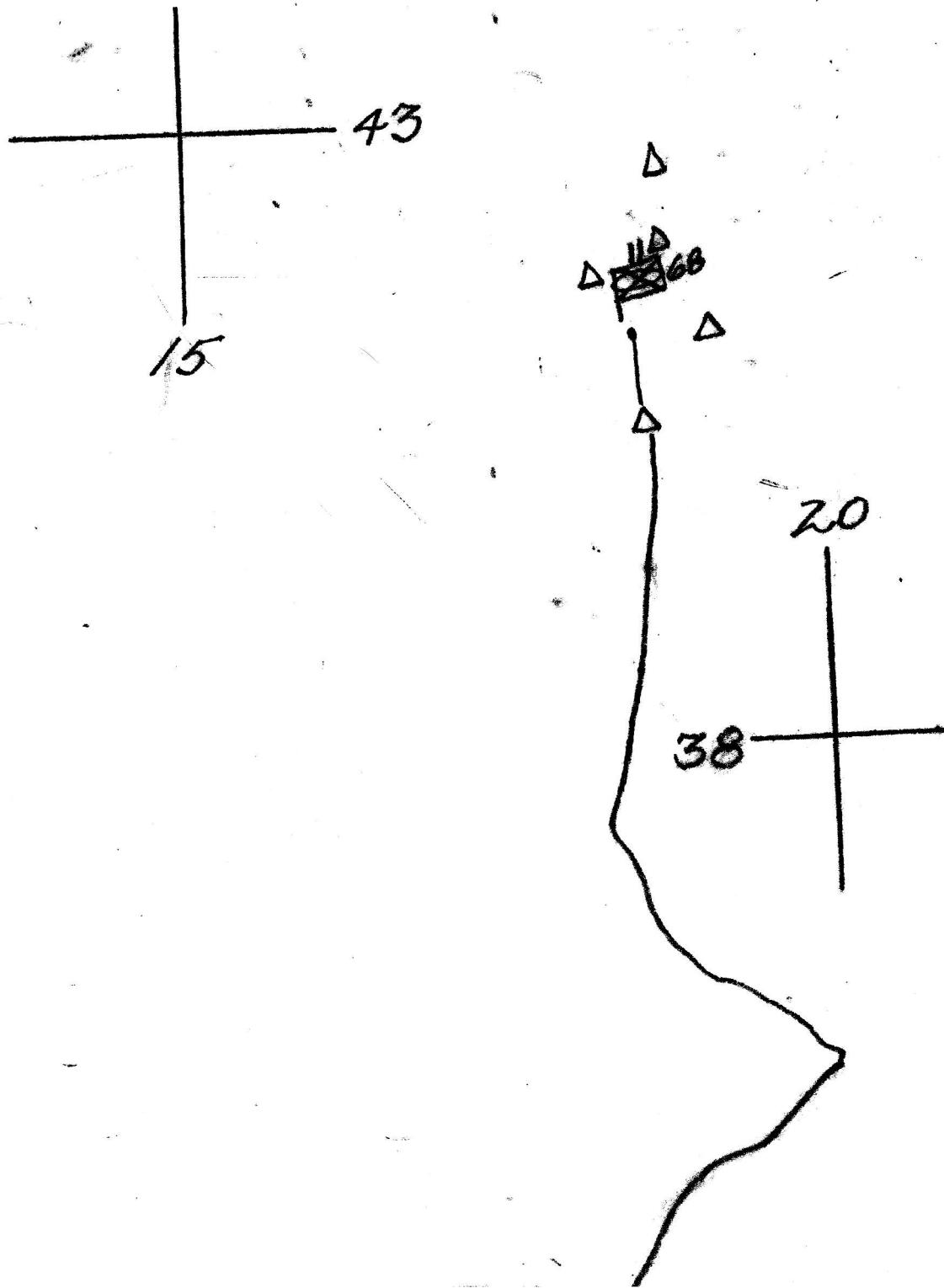
L. D. SHINER,  
2d Lt, 68th AIB,  
Acting Adjutant.



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HQ 68TH AIB - 15 DEC 44  
OVERLAY - SHOWING ROUTE  
OF MARCH AND OUTPOSTS.  
MAP - FRANCE ~~XXXVIII~~-13,  
~~XXXVIII~~-14, ~~XXXIX~~-13, ~~XXXIX~~-14  
SCALE - 1:50 000



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UNIT REPORT

No. 3

From: 160001 Dec 44.  
To : 162400 Dec 44.

Unit: 68th Armd Inf Bn.  
Date: 16 Dec 1944.  
Place: Oberseebach, Fr.

Maps: France 1:50,000 sheets XXXVIII-13, XXXVIII-14, XXXIX-13, and XXXIX-14.

I. ENEMY:

- a. No contact.
- b. Not known.
- c. None.
- d. Not known.
- e. None.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. See overlay that accompanied Unit Report number 2, this headquarters, dated 15 Dec 1944.
- b. See overlay that accompanied Unit Report number 2, this headquarters, dated 15 Dec 1944.
- c. None.
- d. At 1115 Executive Officer contacted Combat Command "B" to discover how situation was going in their sector. S-3 and Commo Officer contacted elements of 62d Armd Inf Bn in the town of Wissenbourg to determine developments in their sector. Returned at 1330. Results submitted to Reserve Command Headquarters. At 1430 the Battalion Commander, S-2, Executive Officer, S-3 and I & R Platoon Leader contacted Combat Command "B" at Siegen and CP 19th Armd Inf Bn at Salmbach on orders from Reserve Command to determine disposition of their command. Mission to study their dispositions and to be prepared to take over their sector to effect a relief of all units of Combat Command "B". Returned at 1630.
- e. Combat efficiency - excellent.
- f. Reports of staff reconnaissance made to ~~Combat~~ Command.

3. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Effective strength: 989  
Replacements needed 29

- b. Casualties:

Unit	HqCo	Co "A"	Co "B"	Co "C"	Serv Co	Med Det	Lost
KILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SICK	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
WOUNDED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPTURED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VEHICULAR	Unit	Vehicle Type	Operationally Fit	Fit 24 hrs	Fit over 24 Durg		
						Hrs	Per.

Hq Co, 68th AIB M2 A1 H/T 5

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	<u>S E C R E T</u>				<u>Lost during per-</u>
	<u>Vehicle Type</u>	<u>Op Fit</u>	<u>Fit 24 hrs</u>	<u>Fit over 24 hrs</u>	
Hq Co, 68th AIB (Cent)	M3 H/T	3			
	M3 Al H/T	1			
	M4 Al H/T	2			
	M4 H/T	3			
	M-8 AG	2			1
	1/4 T	11			
	2 1/2 T	1			
"A", 68th AIB	M2 Al H/T	5			
	M3 H/T	3			
	M3 Al H/T	12			
	1/4 T	3			
	2 1/2 T	2			
"B", 68th AIB	M2 Al H/T	4			
	M3 H/T	2			
	M3 Al H/T	14			
	1/4 T	3			
	2 1/2 T	2			
"C", 68th AIB	M2 Al H/T	4			
	M3 H/T	3			
	M3 Al H/T	13			
	1/4 T	3			
	2 1/2 T	2			
Med Det	1/4 T	1			
	3/4 T Ambulance	4			
	3/4 T	2			
Sv Co, 68th AIB	M3 Al H/T	1			
	1/4 T	2			
	3/4 T	2			
	2 1/2 T	13			
	Tank Recovery	1			
	Wrecker	1			

c. Prisoners Captured: 0

d. Normal.

e. None;

f. No of days rations on hand - 3 No. miles of fuel on hand 225.  
Percentage of basic load of ammo - 100%

g. Passable.

4. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHINER,  
1st Lt, 68th Armd Inf Bn,  
Acting Adjutant.

Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn  
Place: Oberseebach, France  
Date : 171530 Dec 44

MARCH ORDER NO. 3

Received orders from CG, 14th AD, to relieve 62d Armd Inf Bn at 1530, this date.

Oral march order:

This battalion will move to relieve the 62d Armd Inf Bn. IP - see overlay.  
Cross IP - 1630.

Order of March:

I&R Platoon  
Co C  
Hq & Hq Co  
Co A  
Co B  
Med Det  
Maint

Interval: 50 yds.

Interval between companies: 1 min.

Route: See overlay.

Trains to remain in present location to be brought forward by Sv Co Comdr later. Each company will furnish billeting party of one officer and two enlisted men in 1/4 ton trucks to meet the I&R Platoon Leader at this CP immediately. Co's will be moved off the road in the town of Altenstadt. Co A to be prepared to move to 25th Tk Bn vic of Schweighofen.

Co Comrs and Platoon Leaders will join me at Hq CC"A". Maj Townsend will take charge of the battalion. S-2, S-3 and S-4 and Commo Off will accompany me to Hq CC"A". Any questions? Move out.

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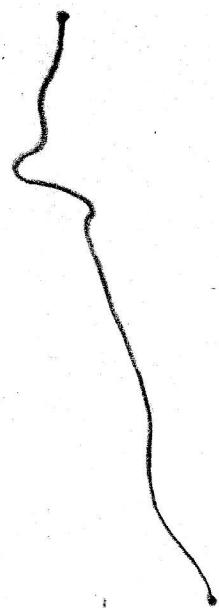
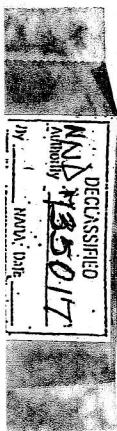
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HQ 68<sup>th</sup> A.I.B. 17 DEC 44  
OVERLAY - ROUTE OF MARCH  
MAP - CENTRAL EUROPE  
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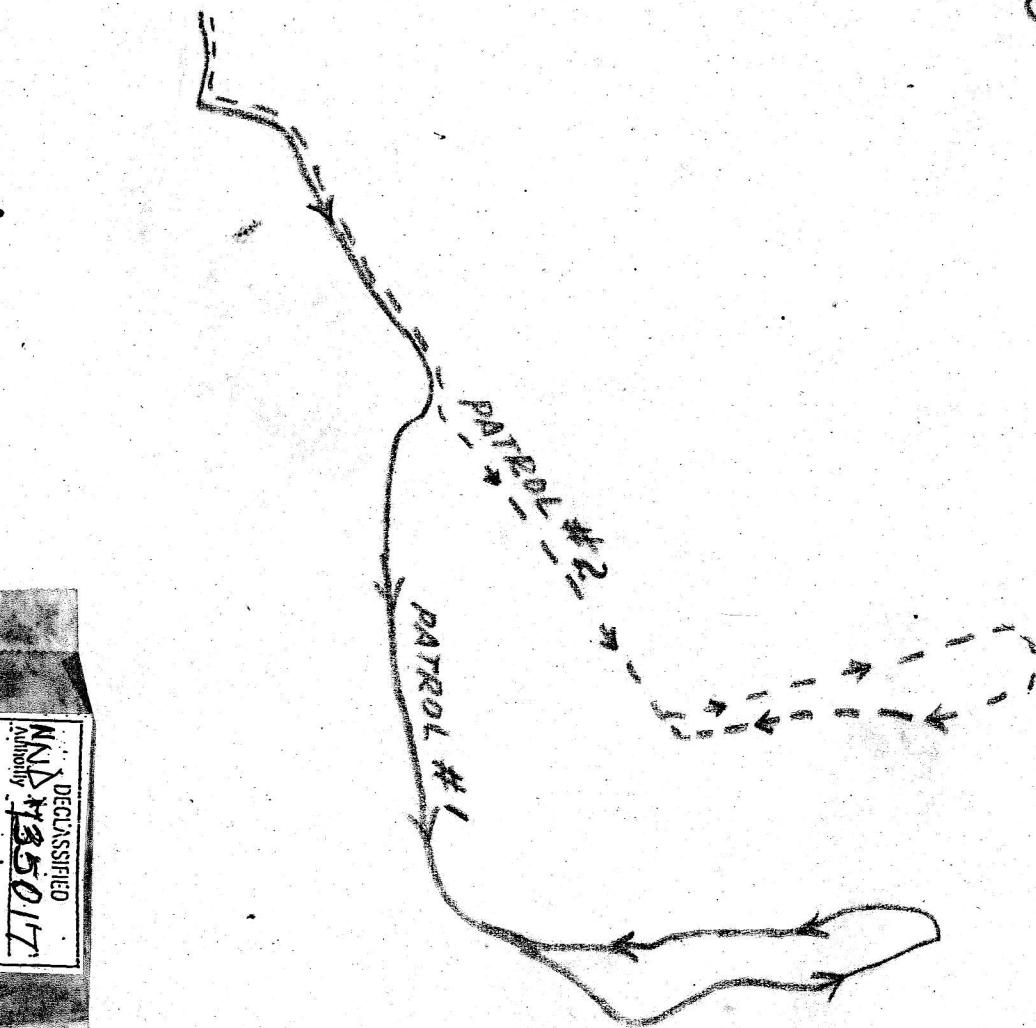


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NOTE 60TH AIB 17 DEC 1944  
OVERLY - PATROL ROUTES  
MAP - FRONT, 1:25,000  
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UNIT REPORT

No. 4.

From: 180001 Dec 44.  
To : 182400 Dec 44.

Unit: 68th Armd Inf Bn.  
Date: 18 Dec 44.  
Place: Reckhenbach, Ger.

Maps: France and Germany 1:25,000.

1. Enemy:

- a. Units in contact - not identified.
- b. Enemy reserves - not known.
- c. Intense artillery fire of all calibres, intense mortar fire, automatic weapons fire and accurate sniper fire. Defended along high ground north of Ober Otterbach and counter attacked to the south recapturing Ober Otterbach.
- d. Enemy strength - not known.
- e. Plans open to enemy - defend along present positions.

2. Own Situation:

- a. See Attached overlay.
- b. See attached overlay.
- c. See attached overlay.
- d. Attack was launched as per Operational Instructions No. 6 HQ OCA. Ten minute preparation fired by 500th Artillery on Ober Otterbach and stream line running through town. Co B on the right, Co C on the left astride the road. LD - See overlay. Two platoons Co B 25th Tank Bn deployed on high ground overlooking the town for close support of the infantry. No resistance encountered until forward elements reached position about 300 yards south of bridge over the Ouer River. At this time heavy mortar and some artillery fire was concentrated approximately (168519). The assault elements continued to attack with Co B circling the town in the east reaching vicinity cemetery (174527). Communication with Co C only occasionally. One platoon of tanks followed infantry into town. Tanks stopped by road block in southern edge of town. Road block held up operations one hour and a half. Tanks continued to move through village but stopped by blown bridge in the approximate center of town. Dozer unable to find materiel to make fill. Obstacle held up operations approximately two hours until engineers repaired it. Smoke fired by artillery on possible enemy OP's from high ground vic (158539). Smoke drifted to north edge of town. Enemy launched counterattack under cover of this smoke. Tanks and infantry forced to withdraw to high ground overlooking the town from the south. Two platoons company B unable to withdraw due to automatic weapons and sniper fire. Men on these platoons infiltrated back during ~~the~~ reorganization. Reorganization commenced approximately 1430. Completed 1800. Numerous enemy snipers made evacuation extremely difficult. Machine Gun Platoon placed on right flank to strengthen defensive fires. Frequent artillery and mortar fire fell throughout sector during the operation.
- e. Combat efficiency - fair.
- f. Maintained contact with the enemy and secured high ground south of Ober Otterbach.

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## 2. *Adolescent Health*

e. Effective strength: 70% 68th AIB 90  
Replacements needed:

b. Casualties: Unit Hq Co B-27th B-68 Co C B Co Med Det

KILLED	8	8	1	2	5	8
SICK	0	0	1	0	0	0
WOUNDED	0	2	0	0	0	0
CAPTURED	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSING	0	0	5	7	0	0
VEHICULAR						

No vehicular casualties during period.

c. Prisoners Captured: None

### 4. **WATER**

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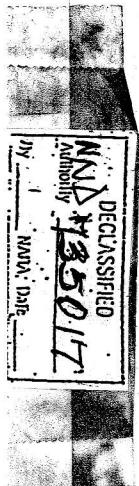
f. No. of days retions on hand - 4. No. miles of fuel on hand - 200.  
Percentage of basic load of Ammo - 85%.

### **6. Pragmatics**

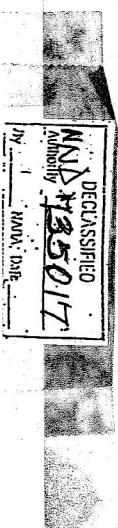
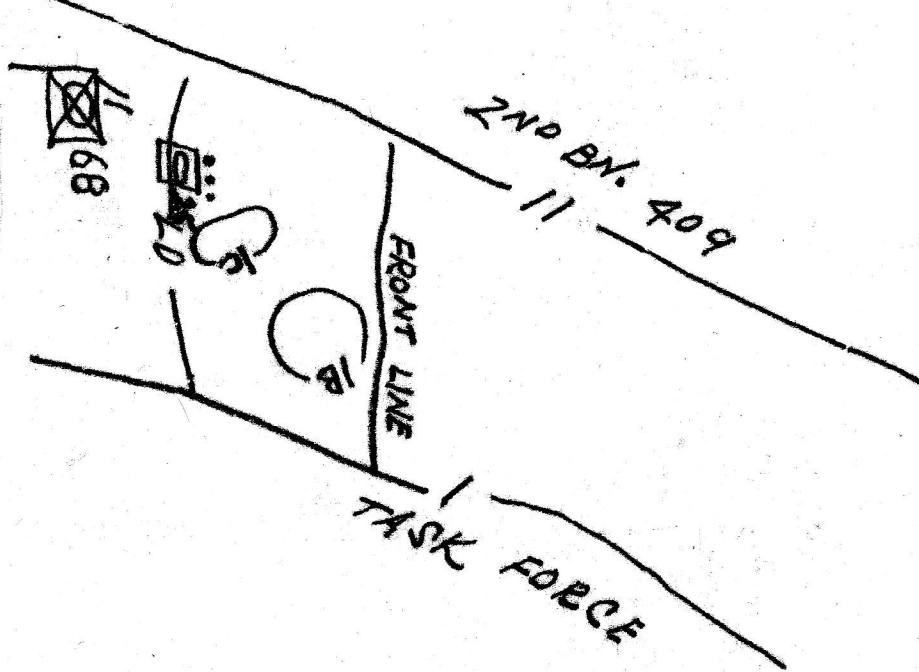
4. General: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHIMER,  
1st Lt, 62th AIB,  
Artillery Adj'tant.



HQTR 68th AB 18 DEC 44  
OVERLAY - LOCATION OF  
TROOPS ETC  
MAP - GERMANY 1:250,000  
SHEETS 6913, 6912



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For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

S-3 REPORT

(For Unit History)

1.

From: 0700, 18 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 18 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Rechtenbach, Germany  
Date: 182100 Dec 44

Map: Germany 1:25,000 Sheets 6913 and 6914.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See atchd overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF AIRACRAFT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cold & cloudy.

Visibility: Limited.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Attack was launched as per Operational Instructions No. 6, HQ CGA. Ten min preparation fired by 500th Arty on Ober Otterbach & stream line running through town. Co B on the right, Co C on the left astride road. LD - See overlay. Two platoons Co B 25th Tk Bn deployed on high ground overlooking the town for close support of the infantry. No resistance encountered until forward elements reached position about 300 yds south of bridge over the Guer River. At this time hvy mortar and some arty fire was concentrated approx (165519). The assault elements continued the attack with Co B circling the town on the east, reaching vic cemetery. (174527). Communication with Co C only occasionally. One platoon of tanks followed infantry into town. Tanks stopped by road block in southern edge of town. Road block held up operations one hr and a half. Tanks continued to move thru village but stopped by blown bridge in the approx center of town. Dozer unable to find material to make fill. Obstacle held up operations approx 2 hrs until Engrs repaired it. Smoke fired by arty on possible ey OP's from high ground vic (158539). Smoke drifted to north edge of town. (Continued below)

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Fair

7. RESULT OF OPERATIONS:

Maintained contact with the ey and secured high ground south of Ober Otterbach.

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Eye launched counterattack under cover of this smoke. Tanks and infantry forced to withdraw to high ground overlooking the town from the south. Two platoons Co B unable to withdraw due to automatic wps and sniper fire. Men of these platoons infiltrated back during the reorganization. Reorganization commenced approx 1430. Completed 1800. Numerous ey snipers made evacuation extremely difficult. MG Platoon placed on right flank to strengthen defensive fires. Frequent arty and mortar fire fell throughout sector during the operation.

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9. TANK AND TD STATUS:

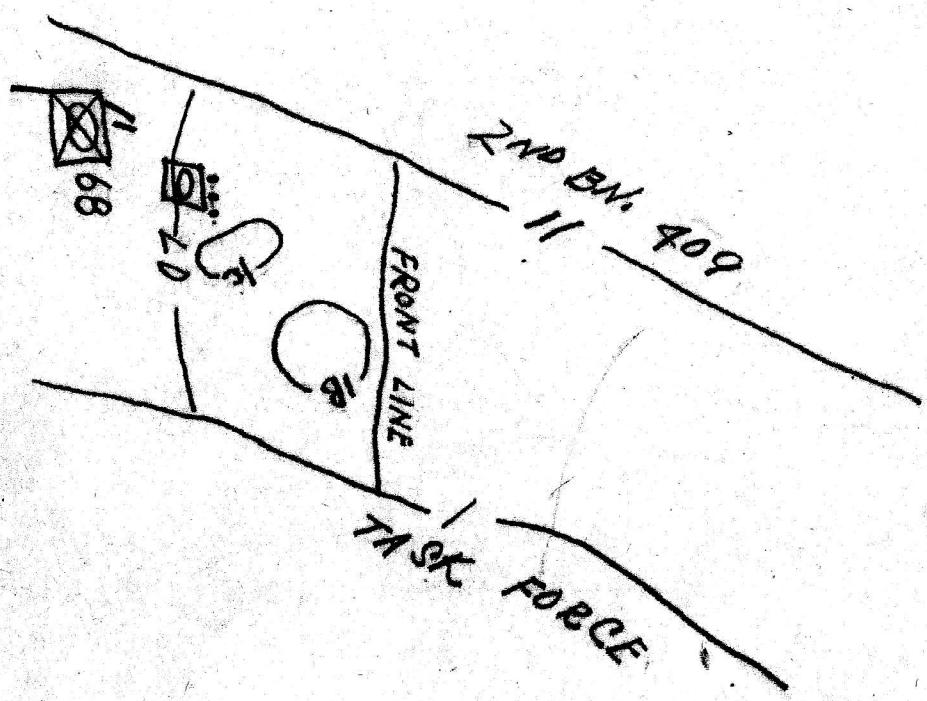
Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair			Lost During Period			
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs	24 hrs				
<b>Hq</b>									
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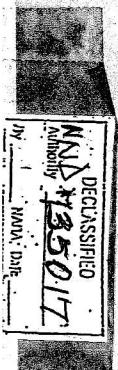
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Capt., Infantry.

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HQTR 60th AB BDE & 14  
OVERLAP - LOCATION OF  
TROOPS ERG  
MAP - GERMANY 1:25000  
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UNIT REPORT

No. 5

From: 190001 Dec 44.  
To : 182400 Dec 44.

Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn.  
Date : 19 Dec 1944.  
Place: Rechtenbach, Ger.

Maps: France and Germany 1:25,000.

1. ENEMY:

- a. No change.
- b. No change.
- c. Intense artillery fire mixed calibers both time and percussion, and intense light and heavy mortar fire.
- d. No change.
- e. No change.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. See attached overlay. (Plan of organized defense)
- b. See attached overlay. (Plan of organized defense)
- c. See attached overlay. (Plan of organized defense)
- d. Right flank extended - see overlay. Troops dug in further and held high ground south of Ober Otterbach. Heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire throughout day in this sector. Tanks fired direct fire on known pillboxes - effect unknown. ~~Called firing with~~ to allow artillery FO to adjust eight inch howitzers. Visibility decreased, making observed fire impossible. Harrassing missions to be fired throughout the night.
- e. Combat efficiency - fair.
- f. Dug in positions held on ridge south of Ober Otterbach.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Effective strength.

Replacements needed 912  
- for 68th 132. (4 being officers)

- b. Casualties:

Unit	Hq Co	C-48th	B-68	C-68	Sv -68	Mod Det	C-94	3-C-12
KILLED	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
SICK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WOUNDED	2	0	7	2	0	0	0	0
CAPTURED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSING	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
VEHICULAR	Veh	Operationally						
Unit	Type	Fit	Fit 24 Hours	Fit over 24 hrs	Lost dur			
Hq Co, 68th	M2 A1 H/T	5						
	M3 H/T	3						
	M3 A1 H/T	1						

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Veh Type</u>	<u>Op Fit</u>	<u>Fit 24 hrs</u>	<u>Fit over 24 hrs</u>	<u>Lost dur per</u>
	M4 A1 H/T	2			
	M4 H/T	3			
	M-8 AG	2			
	1/4 T	11			
	2 1/2 T	1			
"B", 68th	M2 A1 H/T	4			
	M3 H/T	2			
	M3 A1 H/T	14			
	1/4 T	3			
	2 1/2 T	2			
"C", 68th	M2 A1 H/T	4			
	M3 H/T	3			
	M3 A1 H/T	13			
	1/4 T	3			
	2 1/2 T	2			
Med Det	1/4 T	1			
	3/4 T Ambulance	4			
	5/4 T	2			
Sv Co, 68th AIB	M3 A1 H/T	1			
	1/4 T	2			
	3/4 T	2			
	2 1/2 T	13			
	Tank Recovery	1			
	Wrecker	1			
"C", 48th	Tank M4 (76mm Gun)	5			
	Tank M4 (75mm Gun)	10	2		
	105 How	1			
	M2 H/T	2			
	1/4 T	2			
	2 1/2 T	1			
3-"C"-125	1/4 T	1			
	2 1/2 T	1			
	Dump tr	2			
	M2 H/T	1			

c. Prisoners Captured: 0  
d. Normal.  
e. None.  
f. No of days rations on hand - 4. Miles of fuel on hand 175.  
    Percentage of basic load of ammo - 95%.  
g. Passable.

4. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHINER,  
1st Lt, 68th AIB  
Acting Adjutant.

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3-3 REPORT

No. 2

Map: France 1:50,000 (Wissenbourg Sheet)

From: 0700, 19 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 19 Dec 44  
Leaving Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Otterbach, Germany  
Date: 192100 Dec 44

1. OUR FRONT LINES:  
See overlay Plan of Organized Defense.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:  
See overlay Plan of Organized Defense.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:  
Co B, 25th Tk Bn, replaced by Co C, 48th Tk Bn.  
C Troop, 94th Rcn (less one platoon) atchd.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:  
Weather: Cold and cloudy.  
Visibility: Limited.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
  - a. Infantry
    1. Right flank extended - see overlay Plan of Organized Defense. Troops dug in further and held high ground south of Ober Otterbach. Heavy ay arty and mortar fire throughout day in this sector. Tanks fired direct fire on known pillboxes - effect unknown.
  - b. Artillery
    1. Ceased firing with tanks at 1430 to allow Arty FO to adjust eight inch howitzers. Visibility decreased making observed fire impossible. harassing missions to be fired throughout night.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:  
Fair
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:  
Dug-in positions held on ridge south of Ober-Otterbach.

**8. TANK AND TD STATUS:**

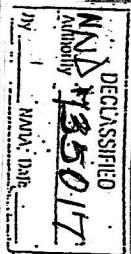
Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	
Hq					
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co					
"D" Co					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

**VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:**

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**A. E. SEIFERT,  
Capt., Infantry.**



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UNIT REPORT

No. 6

From: 200001 Dec 1944.  
To : 202400 Dec 1944.

Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn  
Date : 20 Dec 1944.  
Place: Rechtenbach, Ger.

Maps: France and Germany 1:25,000.

1. ENEMY:

- a. No change.
- b. No change.
- c. Intense light and medium artillery and heavy mortar in entire battalion zone. No enemy patrols observed, but small groups of enemy observed vic of what are believed to be gun positions along stream running east and west through Ober Otterbach.
- d. No change.
- e. No change.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. See attached overlay.
- b. See attached overlay.
- c. See attached overlay.
- d. Troops remained at dug in positions on high ground south of Ober Otterbach. Artillery active firing on enemy positions and pill boxes.
- e. Fair.
- f. Dug in positions held on ridge south of Ober Otterbach.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Effective strength: 912  
Replacements Needed: for 68th AIB -,141 (4 being officers)  
for "C" 48th Tk - 6

b. Casualties:

Unit	Hq	Ce	B68	C-48th	C-94	Sv 68	C-68	Med Det	3-G-125
KILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SICK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WOUNDED	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPTURED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VEHICULAR Same as on Unit Report No. 5, this Hq, dated 19 Dec.  
Two (2) Tank M4 (75mm gun) still to be fit in 24 hours.

- c. Prisoners Captured: 0
- d. Normal.
- e. None.
- f. No. of days rations on hand - 5. Miles of fuel on hand 175.  
Percentage of basic load of ammo - 95 %.
- g. Passable

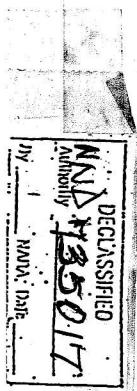
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4. GENERAL: None.

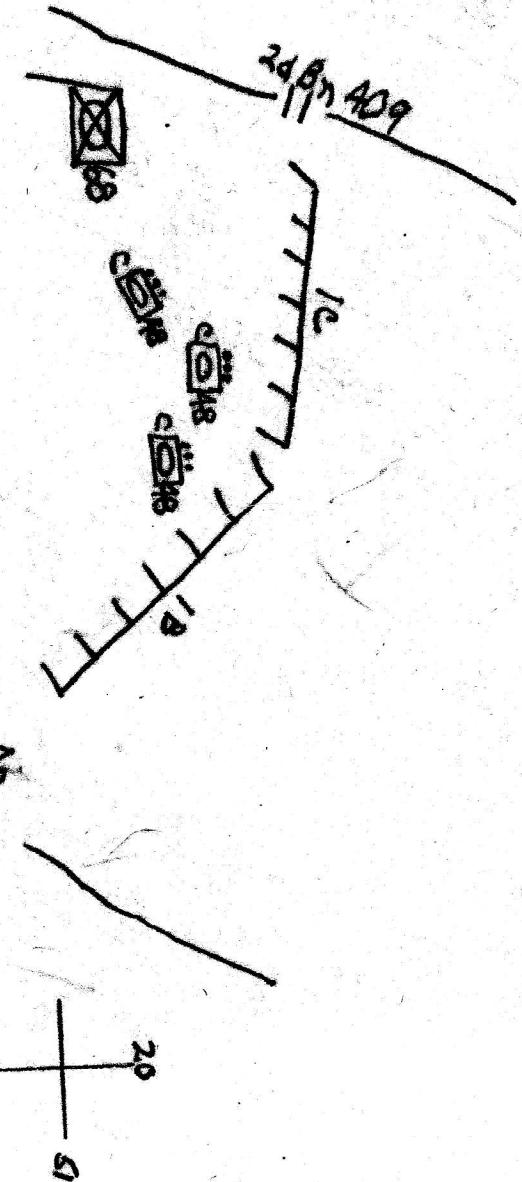
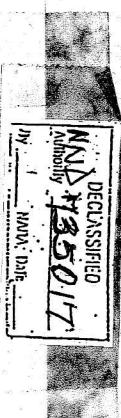
For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHINER,  
2ST LT, 68th AIB,  
Acting Adjutant.



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HQ 68<sup>th</sup> AIB 20 DEC 44  
OVERLAY - LOCATION OF TROOPS  
MAP - GERMANY 1:25,000  
SHEETS 6913, 6914



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For instructions see FM 101-2 pages 116 & 117

(For Unit History) -3 REPORT

From: 0700, 20 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 20 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AD  
Place: Rechberbach, Germany  
Date: 202100 Dec 44

FIG. 3

Maps: Germany 1:25,000 Sheets 6913 & 6914.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See atchd overlay.

2. LOCATION OF PROGFT:

See atchd overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cold and cloudy.

Visibility: Fair.

5. GUN OPERATIONS FOR THE PREVIOUS:

a. Infantry

1. Troops remained at dug-in positions on high ground south of Ober Otterbach.

b. Artillery

1. Artillery active, firing on ey positions and pillboxes.

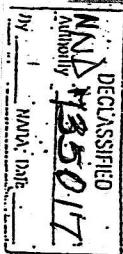
6. COMINT EFFICIENCY:

Fair

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Dug in positions held on ridge south of Ober Otterbach.

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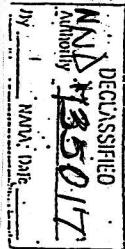


## 8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

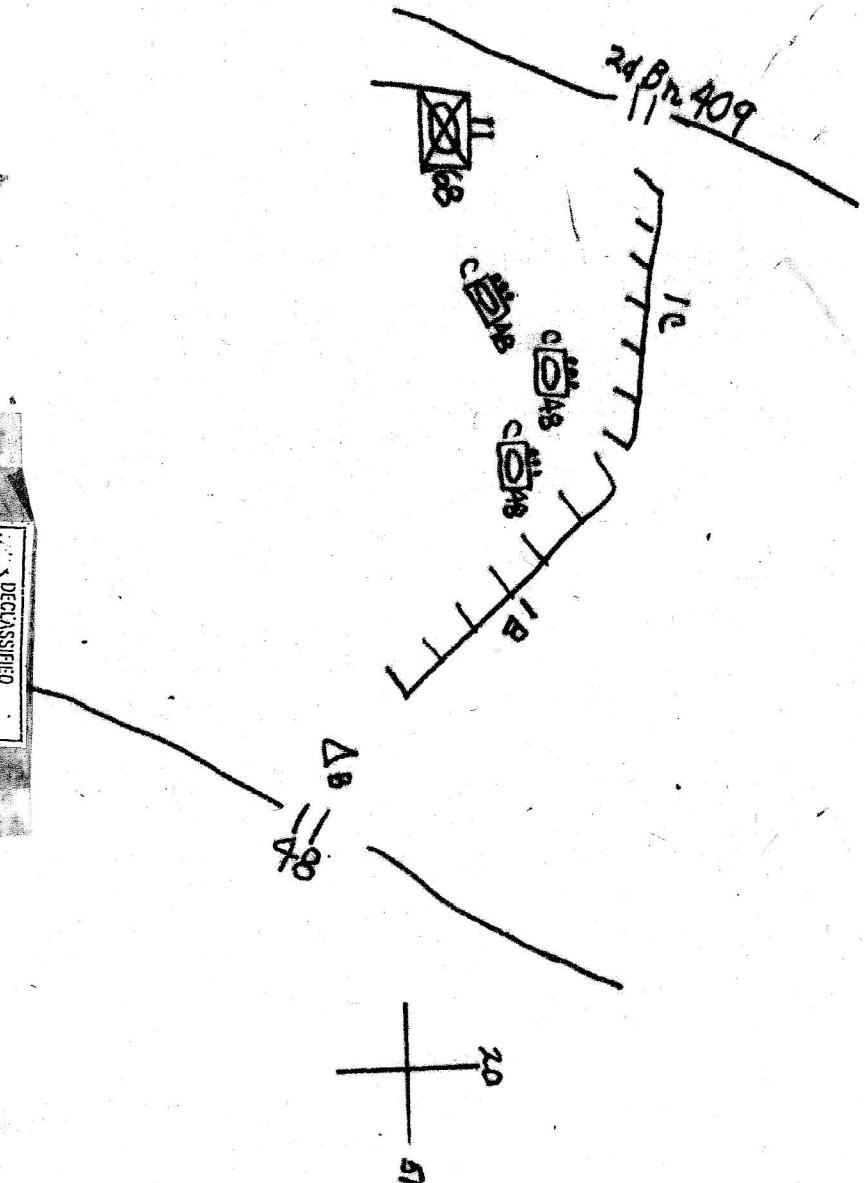
Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs	
Hq					
1A* Co					
3A* Co					
1B* Co					
48th Tk Bn	Two (2) M4 Tanks (75mm guns)		2		
1D* Co					
TOTAL					

## VEHICLE REPAIRMENTS RECEIVED:

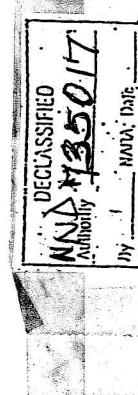
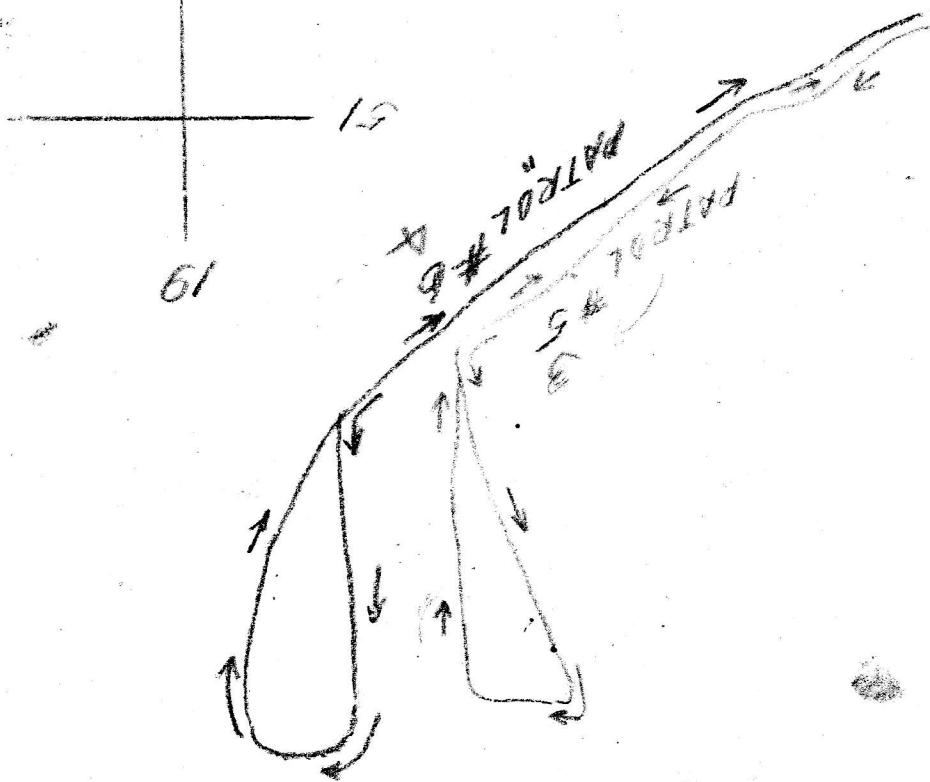
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Capt., Infantry

HQ 68<sup>TH</sup> AIB 20 DEC 44  
OVERLAY - LOCATION OF TROOPS  
MAP - GERMANY 1/25,000  
SHEETS 6913, 6914



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UNIT REPORT

No. 7

From: 210001 Dec 44.  
To : 212400 Dec 44.

Unit: 68th Armd Inf Bn.  
Date: 21 Dec 1944.  
Since: Rechtenbach, Ger.

Maps: France and Germany 1:25,000.

1. ENEMY:

- a. No change.
- b. No change.
- c. Moderate enemy artillery of all calibers and light and heavy mortar in unit zone. One prisoner captured attempting to enter our lines.
- d. No change.
- e. No change.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. See attached overlay.
- b. See attached overlay.
- c. See attached overlay.
- d. At 0600 Co "C" 68th AIB withdrew under cover of darkness to line 1 where new positions were dug. Two platoons Co "C" 48th Tank Bn moved into firing position vic (177520) to (188518). Two 105 mm howitzer assault guns accompanied this platoon and fired fuze T105CPC at visible enemy fortifications. Co "C", prior to withdrawing, set up dummy emplacements with helmets mounted on stakes and "C" ration cans simulating telescopes. At 1630 Co "C" 68th AIB returned to former positions. At 1615 A German soldier walked into our lines and surrendered. Enemy artillery expended on dummy emplacements. One 105 mm AG succeeded in knocking off a corner of one pillbox. Results of other 105 AG firing undetermined.
- e. Fair.
- f. Infantry withdrew to new positions to permit tanks to fire, returning to old positions upon completion of tank fire. Artillery active on enemy pillboxes.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Effective strength: 901  
Replacements needed: For 68th AIB - 144  
For 48th Tk - 8

b. Casualties:

	Hq Co	B-68	C-68	Serv 68	Med	C-48	C-94	3-C-125
KILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SICK	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0
OUNDED	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPTURED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VEHICULAR Report same for 68th AIB and 3-C-125 as on unit report No 5, this Hq dated 19 Dec 1944.

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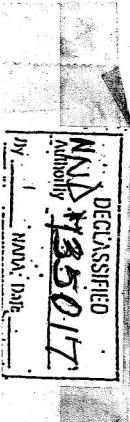
<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type Veh</u>	<u>On Fit</u>	<u>Fit 24 hrs</u>	<u>Fit over 24 hrs</u>	<u>Lost d</u>
"C" 485h Tank	Tank M4 (76gun)	5 4	2	1	
	Tank M4 (76gun)	10	2		
	105 How	1			
	M2 H/T	2			
	1/4 T	2			
	2 1/2 T	1			

- c. Prisoners captured: 1
- d. Normal.
- e. None.
- f. No of days rations on hand - 5. Miles of fuel on hand - 175. Percentage of basic load of ammo - 95%.
- g. Passable.

4. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHINER,  
1st Lt, 68th Armored Inf Bn,  
Acting Adjutant.



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HQ 68 AIB 21 DEC 44  
OVERLAY - LOCATION OF  
TROOPS  
MAP - GERMANY 1:25,000  
SHEETS 6913 + 6

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Key instructions, see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117.

3-3 REPORT

(For Unit History)

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From: 0700, 21 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 21 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Rechtenbach, Germany  
Date: 212100 Dec 44

Map: Germany 1:25,000 Sheets 6913 & 6914.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See atchd overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

3. LOCATION OF NEARBY UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cold & cloudy.

Visibility: Limited.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry & Tanks

At 0600 Co C 68th AIB withdrew under cover of darkness to Line 1 where new positions were dug. Two platoons Co C 48th Tk Bn moved into firing positions via (177520) to (188518). Two 105mm howitzer assault guns accompanied this platoon and fired fuze T105CPC at visible enemy fortifications. Co C, prior to withdrawing, set up dummy emplacements with helmets mounted on stakes and "C" ration cans simulating telescopes. At 1630 Co C 68th AIB returned to former positions. At 1615 a German soldier walked into our lines and surrendered.

b. Artillery

Enemy artillery expended on dummy emplacements. One 105mm AG succeeded knocking off a corner of one pillbox. Results of other 105 AG undetermined.

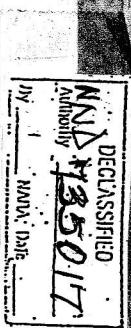
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Fair

7. RESULT OF OPERATIONS:

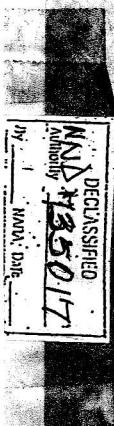
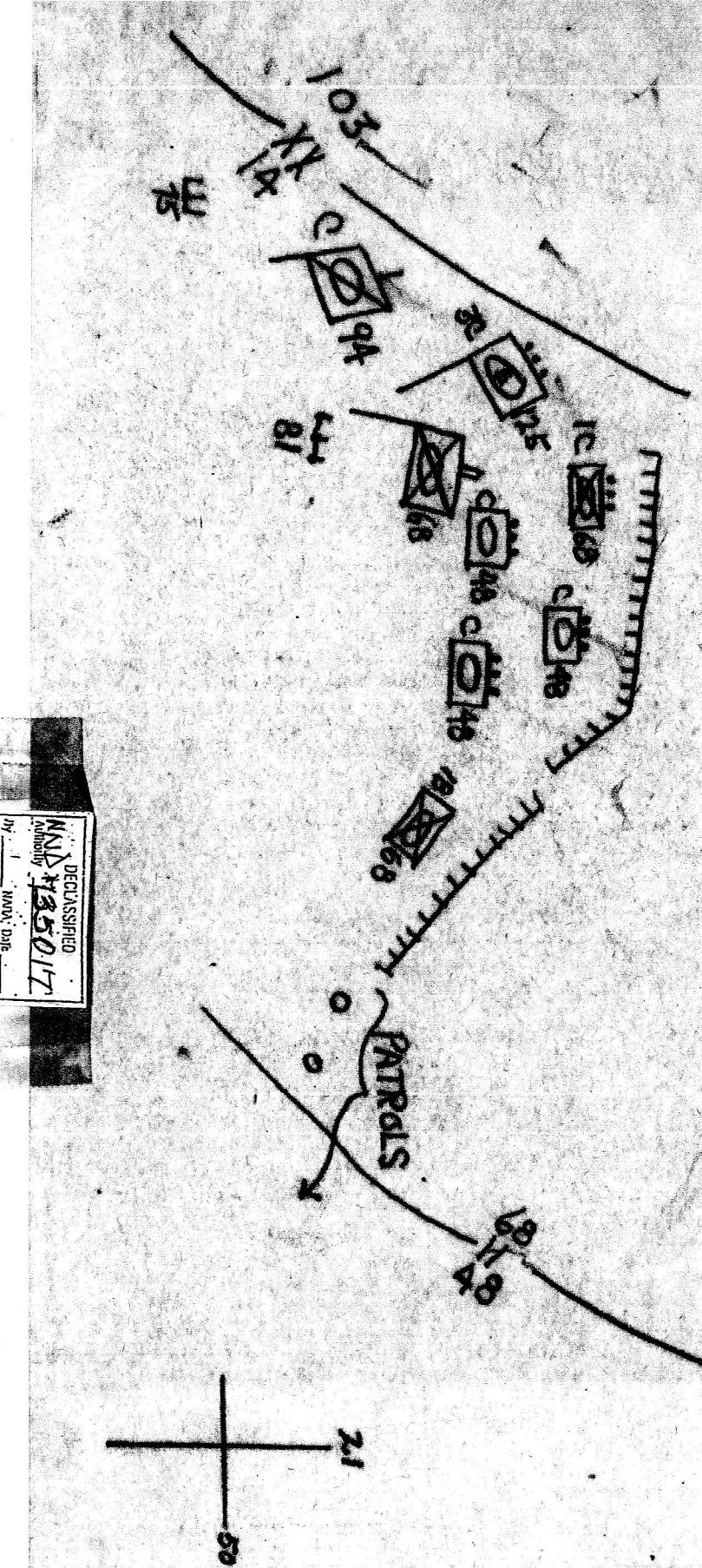
Infantry withdrew to new positions to permit tanks to fire, returning to old positions upon completion of tank fire. Artillery active on enemy pillboxes.

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GERMAN - LOCATION OF  
TROOPS  
MAP - GERMANY 1:250  
SHEETS 69/3 & 69



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UNIT REPORT

No. 8

From: 220001 Dec 44.  
To : 222400 Dec 44.

Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn.  
Date : 22 December 1944.  
Place: Rechtenbach, Ger.

Maps: France and Germany 1:25,000.

1. ENEMY:

- a. No change.
- b. No change.
- c. Very intense enemy artillery of all calibers fell throughout the battalion sector. Enemy patrols active on right flanks—dispersed by our fire. Two civilians from enemy held territory voluntarily surrendered.
- d. No change.
- e. No change.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. See attached overlay.
- b. See attached overlay.
- c. See attached overlay.
- d. At approximately 0600, Co "B", 68th AIB, withdrew under cover of darkness to line 1 where new positions were dug. Two platoons, Co "C", 48th Tank Bn, moved into firing position vic (177520) to (188518) to fire on visible enemy pillboxes and any possible enemy positions. Tank fire had no apparent effect on fortifications. Co "B" prior to withdrawing set up dummy emplacements with helmets mounted on stakes and "C" ration cans simulating telescopes. At approximately 1630, Co "B", 68th AIB returned to former dug in positions. Artillery active firing on enemy fortifications.
- e. Combat efficiency - fair.
- f. Infantry withdrew to new positions to permit tanks to fire, returning to old positions upon completion of tank fire. Artillery active on enemy fortifications.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Effective strength: 892  
Replacements needed: For 68th AIB 152.  
For "C" 48th Tk - 9  
For 94th "C" - 0

b. Casualties:

	Hq	Co	B-68	C-68	Serv 68	Med	C-48	C-94	3-C-125
KILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SICK	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WOUNDED	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
CAPTURED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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VEHICULAR

68th Armd Inf Bn, 3-C-125 no change.

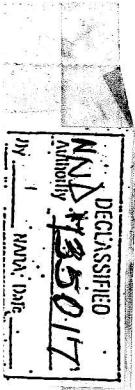
<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type Veh</u>	<u>Op Fit</u>	<u>Fit 24 hrs</u>	<u>Fit over 24 hrs</u>	<u>Lost due Per</u>
"C" 48th Tk.	Tank M4 (75 gun)	3	1	1	1
	Tank Mr (76 gun)	10	2		
	105 How	1			
	M2 H/T	2			
	1/4 T	2			
	2 1/2 T	1			

- c. Prisoners captured: 1
- d. Normal.
- e. None.
- f. No of days rations on hand - 5. Miles of fuel on hand - 175.  
Percentage of basic load of ammo - 95%.
- g. Passable.

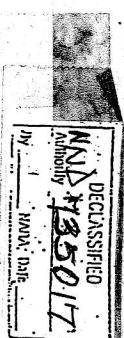
4. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHIMER,  
1st Lt, 68th Armd Inf Bn,  
Acting Adjutant.



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OVERLAY - LOCATION OF THE



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3-5 REPORT

No. 5

From: 0700, 22 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 22 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Bechtembach, Germany  
Date: 222100 Dec 44

Maps: Germany 1:25,000 Sheets 6913 & 6914.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See atchd overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cold & clear.

Visibility: Good

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry & Tanks

At approx 0600, Co B, 68th AIB, withdrew under cover of darkness to Line 1 where new positions were dug. Two platoons, Co C, 48th Tk Bn, Moved into firing position vic (177520) to (183518) to fire on visible ey pillboxes and any possible ey positions. Tank fire had no apparent effect on fortifications. Co B, prior to withdrawing set up dummy emplacements with helmets mounted on stakes and "C" ration cans, simulating telescopes. At approx 1630, Co B, 68th AIB, returned to former dug-in positions.

b. Artillery

Artillery active, firing on ey fortifications.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Fair

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Infantry withdrew to new positions to permit tanks to fire, returning to old positions upon completion of tank fire. Artillery active on ey fortifications.

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## 6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

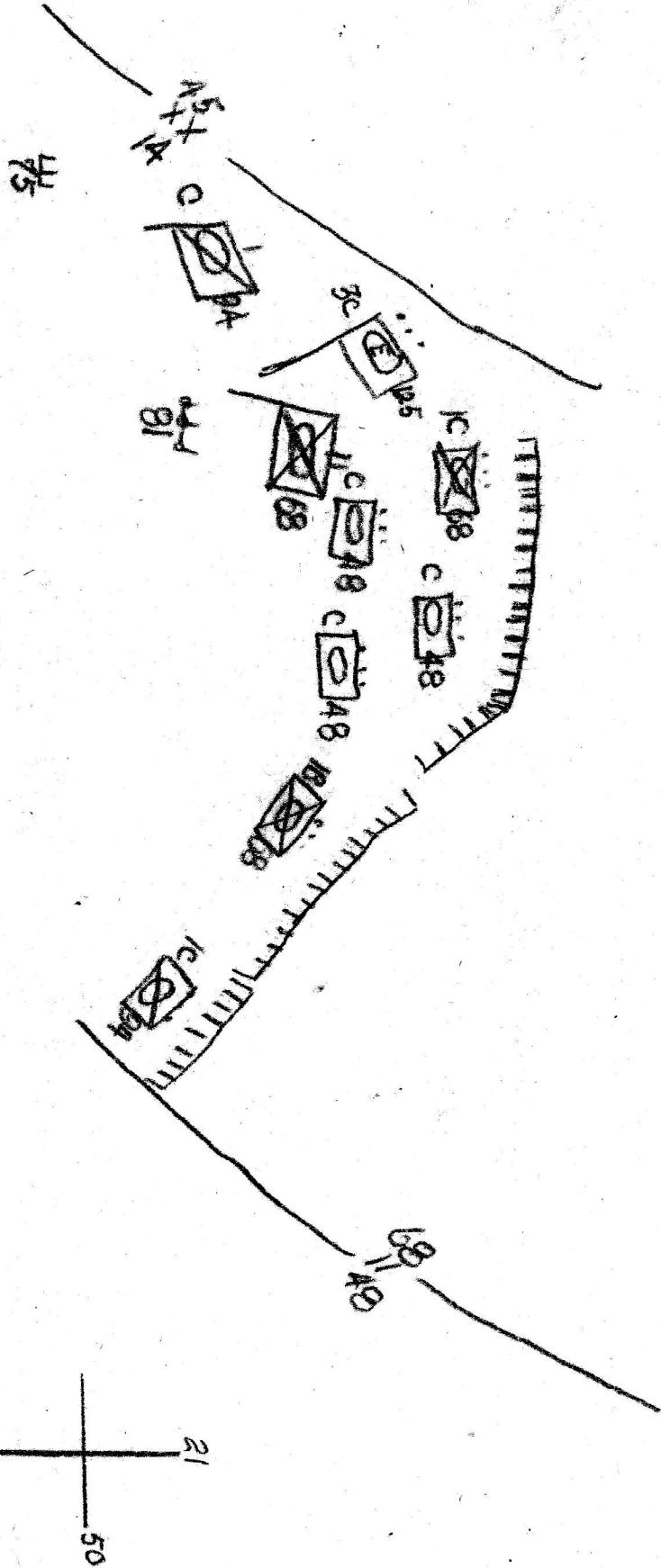
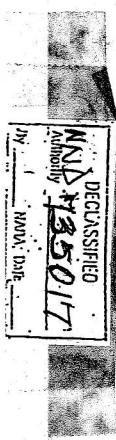
Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			% IN 24 HRS.	FIT OVER 24 HRS.	
TANKS & TD'S					
"A" Co	PG 910 (EXCEPT 100MM MORTAR) M-4A1				
"B" Co	PG 910 (EXCEPT 100MM MORTAR) M-4A1				
"C" Co	Four (4) M4 Tanks 48th Tk (75mm gun) Bn				
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

## VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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A. E. SELFERT,  
Capt., Infantry.

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OVERLAY - LOCATION OF  
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## UNIT REPORT

No. 9

From: 230001 Dec 44.  
To : 232400 Dec 44.

Unit : 68th Inf Bn  
Date : 23 Dec 44.  
Place: Merkwiller, Fr.

Map: Central Europe 1:100,000 sheet V 2.

### ENEMY

- a. No change.
- b. No change.
- c. Moderate enemy artillery of all calibers in the battalion sector. Two three-man patrols dispersed at 0100. One (1) enemy wounded, two (2) enemy killed.
- d. No change.
- e. No change.

## 2. OWN SITUATION:

- s. See overlay attached to Unit Report No. 8, this Hq, dated 22 Dec 44.
- b. See attached overlay.
- c. See overlay attached to Unit Report No. 8, this Hq, dated 22 Dec 44.
- d. At approximately 0600, Company "C", 68th Armored Infantry Battalion withdrew under cover of darkness to line 1 and rear dug-in positions. Two platoons Company "C", 48th Tank Battalion moved into firing position vicinity (177520) to (180518) to fire on visible enemy fortifications; effect unknown, visibility very poor. Officers from 3rd Battalion, 315th Infantry (relieving unit) reconnoitered our positions and prepared to take over our sector. Relief began at 1800. First of column 68th Armd Inf Bn crossed the IP at Schweigen, Germany, at 1800. See overlay for route of march. Relief completed at 2115.
- e. Combat efficiency - fair.
- f. Relief of 68th Armd Inf Bn completed by 3rd Bn, 315th Infantry at 2115, 23 December 1944.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

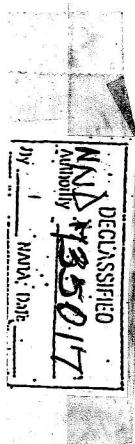
- e. Effective strength: 761.  
Replacements needed: For 68th Inf - 152.  
For "C" 48th Tank - 9.
- b. Casualties: None.  
VEHICULAR - 68th Armd Inf Bn - 3 "C" 125 - No change.  
"C" 48th Tank M4 (75 gun) 4 Op Pit 1 Pit 24 hrs.  
Tank M4 (76 gun) 10 Op Pit 2 Pit 24 hrs.  
(no further change)
- c. Prisoners captured: 1
- d. Normal.
- e. None.
- f. No of days rations on hand - 5. Miles of fuel on hand - 150.  
Percentage of basic load of ammo - 95%.
- g. Passable.

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6. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHINER,  
1st Lt, 68th Armd Inf Bn,  
Acting Adjutant.

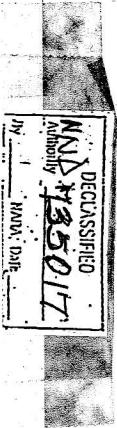


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OVERLAY-ROUTE OF MARC  
MAP-CENTRAL EUROPE  
1:100,000 SHEET VI

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S-3 REPORT

No. 6

Map: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet V2

From: 0700, 23 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 23 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Mortwiller, Fr.  
Date: 232100 Dec 44

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay atchd to S-3 Report No. 5.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See overlay atchd to S-3 Report No. 5.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Clear & cold.

Visibility: Good

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry

At approx 0600 Co C 68th AIB withdrew under cover of darkness to Line 1 and rear dug-in positions. Two Plats, Co C, 48th Tk, moved into firing positions vic (177520) to (188518) to fire on ey fortifications. Effect unknown; visibility very poor. Officers 3d Bn 315th Inf (relieving unit) reconnoitered our positions & prepared to take over our sector. Relief began 1800. First of column, 68th AIB, crossed IP at 1800 at Schweigen. See overlay for route of march. Relief completed by 3d Bn 315th Inf 232115 Dec 44.

b. Artillery

Artillery active, firing on ey fortifications.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Fair

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Relief of 68th AIB by 3d Bn 315th Inf completed 232115 Dec 44.

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6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs	
Hq					
A <sup>1</sup> Co					
B <sup>2</sup> Co					
C <sup>3</sup> Co	Tires (3) M4 Tanks (1 - 75mm Gun) (2 - 76mm Gun)				
48th Tk Bn				3	
D <sup>4</sup> Co					
TOTAL					

**VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:**

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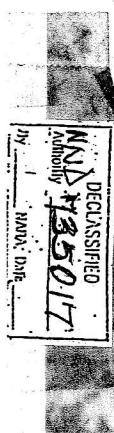
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OVERLAY-ROUTE OF MARSHAL  
MAP-CENTRAL EUROPE  
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Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn  
Place: Rechternbach, Ger.  
Date : 231730 Dec 44

MARCH ORDER NO. 4

This battalion will be relieved by 3d Bn 315th Inf commencing at dark, to be effected prior to 2400.

This battalion will be relieved by platoon with the reserve company being first. Co B and Co C will be relieved by platoons from the exterior flank. Companies to reorganize in Schweigen to proceed to Merkwiller.

Blackout to Wissembourg, black-out lights from there to destination.

Speed: 6 mph, or less if safety dictates.

Density: 25

Hq & Hq Co will move out 1800. Bivouac parties will meet companies and attached units vic Merkwiller. C-94 (-) to revert to CCA control at Wissembourg effective at once. 1C 125th Engrs also revert to CCA control at Wissembourg effective at once.

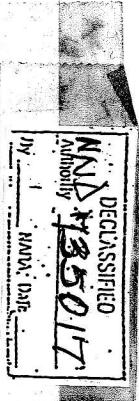
Co C 48th Tk Bn will be relieved by one platoon Co A 47th Tk Bn. Upon completion of day's firing C-48 to return to Schweigen from where they will follow Hq & Hq Co to new area.

Route: To be posted by MP's. See overlay.

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UNIT REPORT

No. 10

From: 240001 Dec 44. Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn,  
To : 242400 Dec 44. Date : 24 Dec 44.  
Place: Merkweiler, Fr.

Maps: France 1:50,000 sheet XXXVIII-14.

1. ENEMY:

a. No contact with enemy.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. None.
- b. See attached overlay.
- c. See attached overlay.
- d. Unit reorganizing at Merkweiler and Differbach-les-Woerth. See attached overlay for locations.
- e. Fair.
- f. Unit reorganized.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE.

a. Effective strength: 582 - 68th AIB  
103 - "C" 48th Tk.  
Replacements needed 154 for 68th AIB  
9 for 48th Tank. "C" Co.

b. Casualties: "B" 68th  
SICK 1

VEHICULAR: No change.

- c. Prisoners captured: 0
- d. Normal.
- e. None.
- f. No of days rations on hand - 5. Miles of fuel - 175.  
Percentage of basic load of ammo - 95%.
- g. Passable.

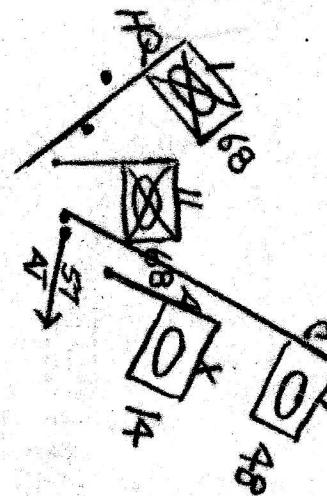
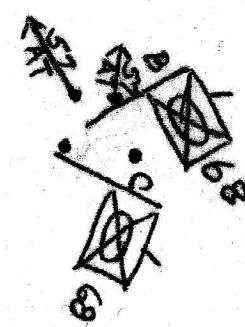
4. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHINER,  
1st Lt, 68th Armd Inf Bn,  
Acting Adjutant.

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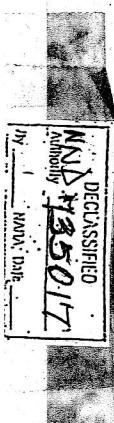
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HQ 68 IN A.I.B. 24 DEC 44  
OVERLAIN - DISPOSITION OF  
TROOPS  
MAPS - FRANCE - 1:50,000  
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3-3 REPORT

No. 7

Map: France 1:50,000 Sheet XXXVIII - 140

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From: 0700, 24 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 24 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Mertwiller, Fr.  
Date: 242100 Dec 44

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cold and Clear.

Visibility: Good

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry

Unit reorganizing at Mertwiller and Differbach-les-Weorth. See atchd overlay for locations.

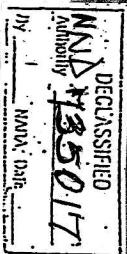
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Fair

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit reorganized.

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## 6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Am	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	
Hq	105MM D. C. GUNS	NO CHANGE			
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co					
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

## VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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A. E. SEIFERT,  
Capt., Infantry

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OVERVIEW - DISPOSITION of  
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MAPS - FRANCE - 1:59 000  
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UNIT REPORT

No. 11

From: 250001 Dec 44.  
To : 252400 Dec 44.

UNIT : 68th Armd Inf Bn  
DATE : 25 Dec 44.  
PLACE: Merkweiler, Fr.

MAPS: France 1:50,000 sheet XXXVIII-14.

1. ENEMY:

a. No contact with enemy.

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. None.  
b. See overlay which accompanied Unit Report No. 10 this Hq dated 24 Dec 44.  
c. See overlay which accompanied Unit Report No. 10 this Hq dated 24 Dec 44.  
d. Unit in bivouac at Merkweiler and Differbach-les-Woerth. See overlay  
which accompanied Unit Report No. 10, this headquarters dated 24 Dec 44  
for positions.  
e. Fair.  
f. Unit in bivouac.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

a. Effective strength: 620 for 68th AIB.  
104 for "C" 48th Tank Bn.  
Replacements needed: 116 for 68th AIB.  
8 for "C" 48th Tank Bn.

b. Casualties: None.

VEHICULAR : No change.

c. Prisoners captured: 0  
d. Normal.  
e. None.  
f. No of days rations on hand - 5. Miles of fuel on hand 175.  
Percentage of basic load of ammo - 100%.  
g. Passable.

4. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHIMER,  
1st Lt, 68th Armd Inf Bn,  
Acting Adjutant.

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For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

2-3 REPORT

**(For Unit History)**

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Maps : France 1:50,000 Sheet **XLVII** - 14.

From: 0700, 25 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 25 Dec 44  
Leaving Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Mertwiller, Fr.  
Date: 252100 Dec 44.

## 1. CUR FRONT LINES

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### 3. LOCATION OF TECOFES:

See overlay which accompanied S-3 Report No. 7.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See overlay which accompanied S-3 Report No. 7.

## WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

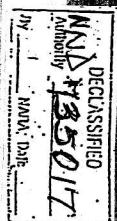
Weather: Cold & clear.

## Visibility: Unlimited

## 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

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Unit in bivouac at Mertwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. Sed overlay which accompanied S-3 Report No. 7.



## 6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Part

## 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

### Unit in bivouac.

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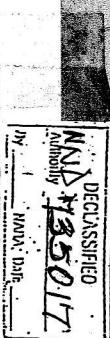
## C. TANK AND TD STATUS.

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Am	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs	
Mq		NO CHANGE.			
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co					
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

## VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED.

Note: To be submitted in single copy.

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A. E. SEIFERT,  
Capt., Infantry.

UNIT REPORT

No 12

From: 260001 Dec 44.  
To : 262400 Dec 44.

Unit: 68th Armd Inf Bn  
Date: 26 Dec 44.  
Place: Merkweiler, Fr.

MAPS; France 1:50,000, sheet XXXVIII-14.

1. ENEMY:

a. No contact with enemy.

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. None.  
b. No change.  
c. No change.  
d. Unit in bivouac at Merkweiler and Differbach-les-Woerth. No change in location of troops.  
e. Fair.  
f. Unit in bivouac.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

a. Effective strength: 68th AIB: 618  
"C" 48Tk: 104  
Replacements needed: 68th AIB: 118  
"C" 48Tk: 8

b. CASUALTIES: None.

VEHICULAR:	Unit	Type Veh	Op Fit	Fit 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs	LDur
"C" 48th Tank	Tank M4(75 gun)	4		1		
	Tank M4(76 gun)	12				
	105 How		1			
	M2 H/T		2			
	1/4 T		2			
	2 1/2 T		1			

Vehicles 68th AIB - no change.

c. Prisoners captured: 0  
d. Normal.  
e. None.  
f. No of days rations on hand - 5. Miles of fuel - 175.  
Percentage of basic load of ammo - 100%.  
g. Passable.

4. GENERAL: None.

For the Battalion Commander:

L. D. SHINER,  
1st Lt, 68th Armd Inf Bn,  
Acting Adjutant.

(To be submitted to the CCR, 11th Floor by 2100 for each day's operations)  
For instructions see PA 101, page 164, 177

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France 1:50,000 Sheet XXXVIII - 14.

From: 0700, 26 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 26 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Mertwiller, Fr.  
Date: 262100 Dec 44.

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None

LOCKDOWN DAY THREE

No change.

## EXAMPLES OF VARIOUS TYPES OF INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

No change.

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Weather: Clear & Cold.

Visibility: Unlimited.

2. OUR ORTHODOX FAITH AND

a. Infantry

Unit in bivouac at Mertwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. No change in location of troops.

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### Unit in bivouac.

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Unit	Type of Vehicle & (W)	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	
1st Co					
2nd Co					
3rd Co					
4th Co	One (1) M4 Tank (75mm gun)		1		
5th Co					
TOTAL					

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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A. E. SEIFERT,  
Capt., Infantry.

(To be submitted to HQG, 68th AIB by 2100 for monthly compilation)  
(For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117)

4-3 REPORT

(For Unit History)

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0700, 27 Dec 44  
To: 2100, 27 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Mertwiller, Fr.  
Date: 272100 Dec 44.

Report: France 1:50,000 XXXVIII-14.

1. OUR OWN LINE.

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

No change.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT ARMS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

No change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY.

Weather: Clear & cold.

Visibility: Unlimited.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE DAY.

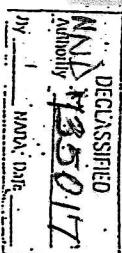
Unit in bivouac at Mertwiller and Differbach-les-Woerth. No change in location of troops. Road reconnaissance made by I&R Platoon. Report will be submitted as directed.

6. COUNT OF TROOPS: Fair

7. RESULT OF OPERATIONS.

Unit in bivouac.

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6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs	
Mq					
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co 48th Tk Bn			NO CHANGE SINCE LAST REPORT.		
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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A. E. SELFERT,  
Capt., Infantry.

OVERLAY - FOURTH REV  
MAP - GERMANY - 1:100,000  
SCALE - 1:100,000  
SHEET - VI of 12

BRIDGE OUT  
BY PASS TO  
SOUTH IF  
NECESSARY

ROUTE RUNS  
PASSABLE

UNDERWEAR  
OK

A hand-drawn map showing a bridge spanning a river. The bridge is labeled "BRIDGE over RIVER". A compass rose indicates the cardinal directions: "NORTH", "EAST", "SOUTH", and "WEST". The river is labeled "RIVER". A scale bar is present on the right side of the map.

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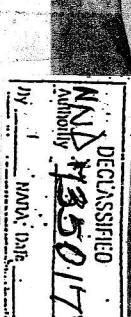
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BY PASS TO NORTH  
IF NECESSARY

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BY PASS TO  
NORTH IF NE-  
CESSARY

UNDERPASS  
OK

UNDERPASS OK  
BY PASS TO SOUTH  
IF NECESSARY

BRIDGE OUT  
BUT PASS  
ABLE



DAILY SCHEDULE

for 27 December 1964

TIME	UNIT	INSTRUCTORS	REMARKS
0830-0930	All	Motor Off	Joint personnel, drivers and gun drivers.
0830-0930	All	Platoon Leader	All available.
Care and cleaning of weapons 0930-1030	All	Plt Leader, Plt Sgt's	Individual and vehicular.
Discussion of past operations 1030-1130	All	All	General discussion of past operations.
Short fast march	0830-0900		Alternate with cold march - every other day - by platoon
General Crew training	1300-1400	AG Hq Co	Lt Potter
Demolition	1300-1400	All -	Co Offr
D A R	Wednesday 1600-1700	Co Comdr Plt Leader	Capt Seifert
Issuance of orders	1400-1500	All	Co Comdr
			All HQ CO's - review in tactics.

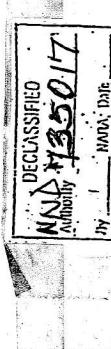
FOOTNOTES: 1. All weapons will be dry-runned every day.  
2. Scheduled baths-per schedule.  
3. Mortars - as per schedule.  
4. Co Comdr will interview all new men (replacements). Instructions will be given to the new men to familiarize themselves with Company 309. Men will work with Company, platoon, squad during the morning. Battalion will schedule instructions for the afternoon - see Annex "A".

By order of Lt Col SMITH:

A. E. SMITH,  
Capt, 68th AB,  
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*A. E. Smith*  
Lt Lt Col AB,  
Adjutant.

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Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheets V1 & V2.

0001, 28 Dec 44  
2400, 28 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Schoenbourg, Fr.  
Date: 282400 Dec 44

None

Enroute to new area.

Enroute to new area.

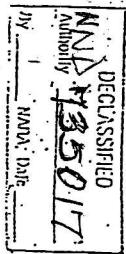
Weather: Clear and cold.

Visibility: Unlimited.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry

Unit plus attachments began mounted road march to new area 282200 Dec 44. For route - see attached overlay.



1. POLITICAL STATUS: Good

2. RECENT OPERATIONS

Unit enroute to new area.

## 6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs	
Hq					
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co					
"D" Co					
3" Co 48th Tk Bn			NO CHANGE SINCE LAST REPORT.		
TOTAL					

## VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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A. E. SEIFERT,  
Capt., Infantry.

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Unit : 68th Armd Inf Bn  
Place: Merkwiller, France  
Date : 282000 Dec 44

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MARCH ORDER NO. 5

This battalion will proceed to new assembly area vic of Schoenbourg, Lohr, and Ottwiller.

IP - Center of Woerth.

Time - 282232 Dec 44.

Speed: 12mph, or less if safety dictates.

Density: 50

Order of March:

1 C 94  
Hq & Hq Co  
Co B  
Co C  
C-48  
Sv  
Med Det  
Maint

10 minutes between companies. Liaison to be maintained with preceding unit.

Route: To be posted by MP's. Black-out lights only. See overlay for route.

CP: Head of column

EDWARDS  
Cmdg

OFFICIAL:

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France 1:50,000 XXXVII-14.

0001, 29 Dec 44  
2400, 29 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Schoenbourg, Fr.  
Date: 292400 Dec 44.

None

See atchd overlay.

See atchd overlay.

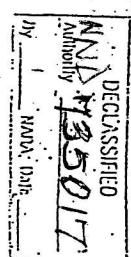
Weather: Clear & cold.  
Visibility: Unlimited.

a. Infantry

Last elements of march column closed in new areas 290345 Dec 44.  
Unit and attachments in bivouac at Schoenbourg, Lohr, and Ottwiller.  
See atchd overlay for location of troops and outposts.

Good

Unit and attachments in new area.

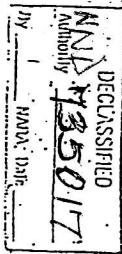


## 6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co	Two (2) M4 Tanks (75mm gun)			2	
48th Tk Bn	One (1) M4 Tank (76mm gun)			1	
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

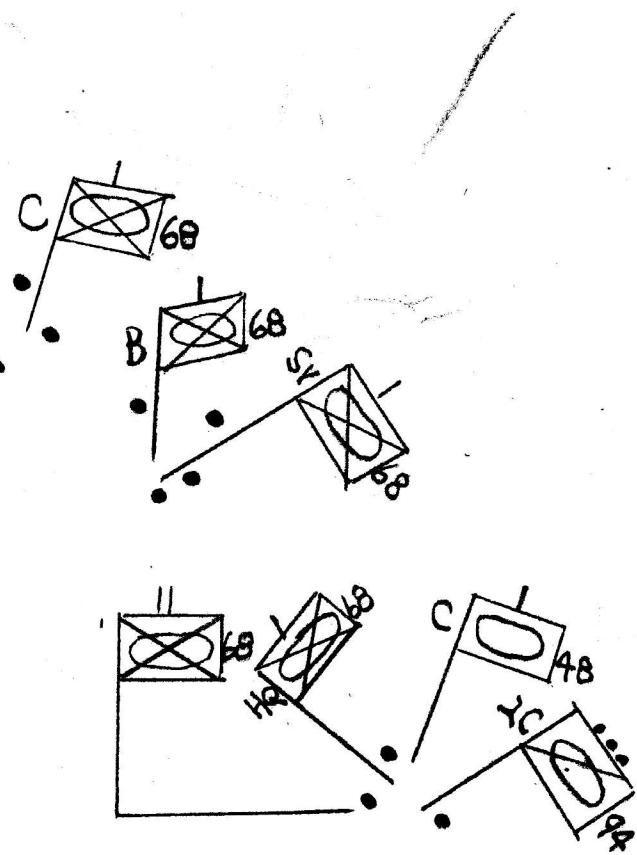
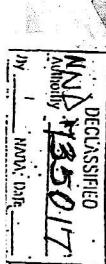
## VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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Capt., Infantry.

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HQ 68<sup>TH</sup> A.I.B. 29 DEC 44.  
OVERLAY - LOCATION  
OF TROOPS  
MAP - FRANCE 1:50,000  
XXXVII-14  
NOTE: • - 2 MAN OUTPOSTS



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(For Unit History)

No. 13

Map: France 1:50,000 XVIII-14

From: 0001, 30 Dec 44  
To: 2400, 30 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB  
Place: Schoenbourg, Fr.  
Date: 302400 Dec 44

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

(No change) See overlay which accompanied S-3 Report No. 12.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

No change. See overlay which accompanied S-3 Report No. 12.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold.

Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry

Unit and attachments in bivouac at Schoenbourg, Lohr, and Ottwiller. Current training schedule previously submitted being carried out. CG, 14th AD, decorated 2 officers and 5 EM, this unit, with Bronze Stars. Road reconnaissance reports submitted by S-2.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit and attachments carrying out training in bivouac.

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### 3. TAKE THE PICTURE.

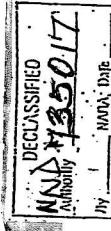
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/s/ A. E. Seifert

A. E. SEIFERT,  
Capt., Infantry.

DATE Mon 30 Dec	TIME 0830-1030	UNIT A, B, C, D Platoon and Patrol	ACTIVITY (0830-1030)	INSTRUCTIONS	REASONS
		All Day	Meeting Fires	via co area to off	Patrols will operate patrols - stress on close
	(0830-1030)	0-48	Indirect Fires	via co area to off	Stress necessity of training in detailed TIC. Conduct under TIC
	1030-1130	All	Mines and Booby Traps	via co area to off	Area supervision
	1330-1400	All	Orientation	via co area TIC. Area	11. Patrols will be stressed. 0-48 TIC in being run up-to-date from 1400 events.
	1400-1530	All	Care & Cleaning of Individual and Vehicles	via co area TIC. Area	discusses various area
	1430-1530	All	and Vehicles	TIC. Select area	All unit personnel plan drivers to use drivers.
Sun. 31 Dec	0830-0930 0930-1030	All 0-48	Short Post March Indirect Fires	0 area 0 area	All men available.
	0930-1030	All Next Shift	Meeting Fires	0 area	TIC. Conduct under TIC
	0930-1030	All - 0-48	Care & Cleaning of Individual Equipment	0 area	Area supervision
	1030-1130	All	Mines & Booby Traps	0 area	11. Alternative supplementary pos.
	1330-1400	All	Orientation	0 area	adjust & clean sub equipment.
	2100-2130	All		0 area	12. Return to TIC 0-48.
	2130-21530	All		0 area	Meet to look forward to. Show you would cope with various situations.
	2130-21530	All	Care & Cleaning of Individual and Vehicles	0 area	Patrols
	2130-21530	All	Indirect Fires	0 area	0-48 area off
	2130-21530	All	Meeting Fires	0 area Select	All unit personnel and drivers.
	2130-21530	All	Indirect Fires	0 area	selected areas for in
	2130-21530	All	Meeting Fires	0 area	inform time 0800.



## TRAINING SCHEDULE - 68TH ARMD INF BN (Cont'd)

DATE	TIME	DRCT	SUBJECT	AREA	INSTRUCTOR COMMENTS
Mon. 1 Dec. (Cont'd)	0900-1000	All- C-48	Demolition & Retarding Indirect Fires	vic to area vic to area	ptl Ldr ptl Ldr Co Comdr will che- supervise.
	1000-1130	All	Mines & Booby Traps Organization of Co's Care & Cleaning of Individual & Vehicles	vic to area vic to area vic to area	ptl Ldr Co Comdr Check platecom for Co Comdr
	1100-1400	All	Vehicle Washdown	vic to area	Co Comdr
	1400-1530	All	Vehicle Maintenance	vic to area	Co Comdr Master O/S: All maint perns, dri- v. ass't drivers.
Wednesday, Tues.	0830-0900	All	Short Fast March	vic to area	Co CDR
2, Jan 45	0900-1000	All	Mines & Booby Traps	vic to area	Co CDR
	1000-1130	Hq Co (HC)-AG Rott Rite	Indirect Fires	vic to area	1A BDRN
	1100-1230	All- C-48	Care & Cleaning of Weapons	vic to area	Co CDR
	1300-1400	All - C-48	Indirect Fires	vic to area	Co CDR
	1300-1400	All - C-48	Dry Running all weapons	vic to area	Co CDR
	1400-1500	All	Fire Orders	vic to area	Co CDR
	1500-1530	All	Guard Duty	vic to area	All men
Thurs., Wed.	0830-0900	All	Calliber Checks	vic to area	ptl Ldr
3 Jan 45	0900-1000	All - C-48	B.A.H.	vic to area	ptl Ldr
	0900-1000	C-48	Fire Orders	vic to area	ptl Ldr Under supervision of Co Comdr.
	1000-1130	All	Care & Cleaning of Vehicles & Weapons	vic to area	ptl Ldr
	1300-1530	All	Care & Cleaning of Indv DPL	vic to area	Co Comdr Personal attention to feed, shavers, etc

## GENERAL NOTES:

1. All officers will read Chapters 10, 11, 12 and 13, FM 100-5 prior to 1 Jan 45. A certificate will reach this time.
2. Not later than 1000, 1A Dec 44.
3. Training day will be 0830-1130 and 1300-1530.
4. B.A.H. instruction will be carried out concurrently per previous Bn Schedule.

By order of Lt Col WILKINS

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A. E. SCHIFFER,  
Capt, Inf  
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(For Unit History)

No. 14

Item: 0001, 31 Dec 44  
To: 2400, 31 Dec 44  
Issuing Unit: 68th AB  
Place: Schoenbourg, Fr.  
Date: 312400 Dec 44

Map: France 1:50,000 XXXVII - 14.

OUR UNIT LISTED:

None

LOCATION OF TROOPS:

No change. See overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 12

INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

No change. See overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 12

WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Partly cloudy and cold - light snow.

Visibility: Fair

OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. Infantry

Unit and attachments in bivouac at Schoenbourg, Lohr, and Ottwiller.

Current training schedule previously submitted being carried out.

Officers planning and reconnoitering area for Defensive Position  
(mixed infantry-tank Bn) Demonstration.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit and attachments carrying out training in bivouac.

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48th Tk Bn Two (2) M4 Tanks  
(1 - 75mm gun)  
(1 - 76mm gun)

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48th  
Tk Bn

Two (2) M4 Tanks  
(1 - 75mm gun)  
(1 - 76mm gun)

48th  
Tk Bn

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Food... to be substituted for single 'candy'  
(e.g. 50% MPC's)

/s/ A. E. Seifert

A. E. SEIFERT,  
Capt., Infantry